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Title: POLISHING APPARATUS INCLUDING TURNTABLE WITH POLISHING SURFACE OF DIFFERENT HEIGHTS

() the specification in International Application No. , filed , and as amended on (if applicable).

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As at least one error which is relied upon to support this reissue application, we believe that we have a right to a claim of the scope according to new claim 22 directed to an apparatus for polishing a semiconductor wafer, the apparatus comprising an abrasive cloth and a top ring, wherein a plurality of portions of the abrasive cloth are individually and independently pressed against the wafer by air pressures. As compared with apparatus claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 19 and 21 of the patent, claim 22 does not require a moving means as recited, for example, in addition to further separate and individual differences between claim 22 and the various independent claims of the patent.

All errors being corrected in this reissue application, up to the time of the filing of this reissue Declaration, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicants.

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